

# A SECOND SPECIES OF ENOPLONUS.

("OLD WIFE" FISH.)

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**ENOPLONUS SEROTINUS**, n.s.

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Upper anterior profile moderately concave, the mouth not curved upward above the axis of the body and tail; the body not greatly elevated, its depth going  $1\frac{1}{3}$  times into its length, and rather more than twice into the length of the head and body; preorbital armed with five teeth; anterior nasal operculum semicircular, rising from a procurved elevated basal ridge; preoperculum with two large teeth at its angle, nineteen smaller on its hinder and thirteen on its lower edge, its cleavage upward rather high, reaching to a line from the centre of the caudal peduncle to the upper fourth of the eye; third spine of first dorsal two-thirds of the depth of the body at its insertion; spine of the soft dorsal  $2\frac{1}{4}$  times repeated equals the depth of the body at its insertion; ventral spine  $2\frac{1}{6}$  times repeated equals the height of the body over its insertion, its first and second rays barely reach the anal. Scales small in well-defined, flat or tumid rhombohedrons, striated at the base concentrically; lateral line distinctly, but perhaps irregularly tubulated, the tubules in places coarse. Length of head and body, 163 mm., of the head, 50 mm. Colouring.—All certain traces of parti-colouring, if it once existed, have succumbed to the destructive action of alcohol. The specimen is in so rigid and dilapidated a condition that no further information can be gathered from it.

Type in Queensland Museum.

Locality: Cairns.

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